REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 15, 2005. Claims 19 to 39 are pending in the application, of which Claims 19, 24, 29, 34, 36 and 38 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 30 has been amended so that it now depends from Claim 29. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 29 and 31 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,316,396 (Fukaya). Claims 20, 25 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Fukaya in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,986 (Kuroi). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 19 is directed to an information processing apparatus which includes a discrimination unit adapted to discriminate whether a first print mode is designated; and a transmission unit adapted, if the discrimination unit discriminates that the first print mode is designated, to transmit to a printer a command showing that the first print mode is set and a drawing command formed such that drawing positions are represented by coordinates relative to an origin that is defined at a specific position in a print sheet, and if the discrimination unit discriminates that the first print mode is not designated, to transmit to the printer a command showing that a second print mode is set and a drawing command formed such that drawing positions are represented by coordinates relative to an origin that is defined at an edge of a print sheet.

New Claim 34 is directed to a printer comprising a discrimination unit adapted to discriminate whether a first print mode is designated, based on print data received from a host computer; and a drawing processing unit adapted to perform drawing processing for the print data received from the host computer by setting a specific position in a print sheet as a drawing origin, if said discrimination unit discriminates that the first print mode is designated, and perform drawing processing for the received print data by setting an edge of a print sheet as a drawing origin, if said discrimination unit discriminates that the first print mode is not designated.

In contrast, Fukaya shows a printer that receives print data from a host computer. If the received data is a command specifying a print range, the printer stores the print range represented by the command in a second print range storage section 5C. If the received data is letter data or graphic data, the printer stores the print range for these data in a first print range storage section 5a. (See Fukaya, Fig. 2.) If the received data is a change-of-page command, the printer calculates the print range from the data stored in the first and second print range storage sections, and processes the print data based on the calculated print range.

Furthermore, Kuroi discloses a print control apparatus whose CPU sends information to the host computer via an input unit. The apparatus generates print data in accordance with a print mode.

However, neither Fukaya nor Kuroi, neither alone nor in combination, disclose or suggest transmitting to a printer a command showing that a first print mode is set and a drawing command formed such that drawing positions are represented by coordinates relative to an origin that is defined at a specific position in a print sheet, or transmitting to the printer a command showing that a second print mode is set and a drawing command formed such that drawing

positions are represented by coordinates relative to an origin that is defined at an edge of a print sheet as featured in Claim 19. Nor do Fukaya and Kuroi, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest setting a specific position in a print sheet as a drawing origin, if a first print mode is designated, and setting an edge of a print sheet as a drawing origin, if the first print mode is not designated, as featured in Claim 34.

In light of the deficiencies of Fukaya and Kuroi as discussed above, Applicant submits that Claims 19 and 34 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Claims 24 and 29 are directed to a method and a computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 24 and 29 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Claims 36 and 38 are directed to a method and a computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 34. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 36 and 38 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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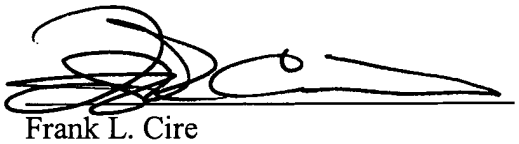
Respectfully submitted,



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